100 Days of Fighting for NY-11: Max Rose Keeps Promises, Gets Results

Sworn in during government shutdown, Congressman leads charge to root out corruption, passes first bill into law allowing construction of East Shore Seawall, fights for first responders and homeland security, combats opioid epidemic, calls for infrastructure and commuting solutions, shows up and gets results for the people of Staten Island and South Brooklyn

Congressman Max Rose was sworn into office 100 days ago amidst the longest government shutdown in history <u>pledging</u>, "As long as I represent New York's 11th District, I will always show up, listen, and fight for all of Staten Island and South Brooklyn." And he's been relentless in doing just that—including securing and returning more than \$85,000 in benefits to constituents and the passage of two bills and two amendments through the House of Representatives.

SWORN IN DURING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

Rose was part of the first class of lawmakers to ever be sworn in during a government shutdown, but that didn't stop him from taking <u>responsibility</u> and getting to work. Rose <u>worked to end the shutdown</u> and hold politicians accountable by proposing legislation to <u>withhold pay for elected officials</u> during shutdowns. Rose also was focused on helping those at home reeling from the effects—including <u>donating his salary</u> to support Coast Guard families and those struggling with opioid addiction, to organizing a <u>cleanup of local national park</u> and a <u>gift card drive</u> which raised more than \$9,000 for the local Coast Guard community.

LEADS CHARGE TO ROOT OUT CORRUPTION

Rose kept his <u>pledge</u> to prioritize <u>cleaning up the corrupt culture</u> in Washington, helping <u>lead the charge</u> in House passage of the most sweeping <u>anti-corruption legislation</u> in a generation, which included his proposal to close the <u>Lobbyist Loophole</u>. Because in order to put Congress <u>back on the side of working people</u>, special interests and corporate lobbyists can't be pulling the strings and <u>setting the agenda</u>.

PASSES FIRST BILL INTO LAW ALLOWING CONSTRUCTION OF EAST SHORE SEAWALL

After more than six years since Hurricane Sandy, families on the East Shore of Staten Island are struggling with increasing flood insurance rates and the fear of not if, but when, the next superstorm will rock their shores and devastate their homes. Funding for the East Shore Seawall had been secured, but construction was being held up by bureaucratic red tape. That's why Rose's <u>first piece of legislation</u>, which was recently <u>signed into law</u> by President Trump, paved the way for construction to finally begin.

FIGHTS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Rose, as the first Member from New York City to Chair the House Homeland Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism, joined the New York Police Department for a <u>tour and briefing of the city's needs and capabilities</u> in addressing threats of terrorism and is <u>leading the push</u> to <u>increase Homeland Security funding</u> for counterterrorism programs critical to New York City's security. To ensure we have the backs of the first responders and their families who put their lives on the line, Rose is <u>leading a bipartisan effort</u> to <u>build support and educate</u> new Members of Congress on the importance of fully and permanently funding the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund (VCF)—and he's been <u>relentless</u> in that <u>effort</u>.

COMBATS OPIOID EPIDEMIC

More Americans died from overdoses in 2016 than from the entire Vietnam War, and this epidemic—fueled by heroin and fentanyl—has particularly devastated Staten Island and South Brooklyn. Rose, who directed a nonprofit agency providing care for opioid-addicted patients before entering politics, has made <u>raising awareness</u> on the struggles of addiction as well as combating the scourge of opioids a <u>top priority</u>. In addition to leading efforts to <u>expand child care services</u> for veterans seeking treatment as well as a <u>bipartisan push</u> for the highest possible funding level for opioid prevention, treatment and recovery efforts—Rose has also <u>pressed the Administration</u> on what is being done to stop the flow of deadly drugs entering the country.

CALLS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUTING SOLUTIONS

Rose is fighting to help end the commuting nightmare lived every day by Staten Islanders and South Brooklynites, but he knows there's no silver bullet or one-size-fits-all fix to instantly make everything better. It takes serious investments, thinking outside the box, and working with every level of government to start moving the needle. Rose has called for <u>expansions of the expressways</u>, proposed <u>splitting the R-Train</u>, sought <u>additional buses</u> for his district, and called for federal support for his comprehensive transportation and infrastructure agenda.

SHOWS UP AND GETS RESULTS FOR THE PEOPLE OF STATEN ISLAND AND SOUTH BROOKLYN

Rose has made it a point to show up and be accountable to the people of Staten Island and South Brooklyn, from hosting public town halls, to meeting people on their commute, at the diner, and even at their door. But it's more than just showing up. Rose is laser focused on doing the work—because when he says, "if it matters to you, then it matters to me" he means it. And he's gotten results, including securing and returning more than \$85,000 in benefits to constituents, helping the Marlboro Houses keep their well-liked manager, helping a family battle their insurance company, securing long-overdue benefits for veterans, getting Miller Field open in time for the soccer season, fighting for his Yemeni and Liberian constituents, and seeking fair housing allowances for veterans and servicemembers on Staten Island.

BOTTOM LINE: Since Day 1, Rose has kept his promises, gotten results, and fought to make a difference in the things that matter most to his bosses—the hardworking people of Staten Island and South Brooklyn.